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**PSC/IR 264(W)**  
**COMPARATIVE POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS**

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Fall 2011  
T 2:00-4:40pm  
Morey 205

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This seminar focuses on the study of modern democratic institutions and their political consequences. We will emphasize both theoretical ideas and

written summaries (5%),  
midterm exam (20%),  
term paper (30%), and  
final exam (30%).

## **EXAMS**

The midterm exam will take place in class on October 18 and

### **Week 3 (9/20): Electoral systems II**

Carles Boix, "Setting the Rules of the Game: The Choice of Electoral Systems in Advanced Democracies." *APSR* 93, 3 (September 1999), 609-24.

Baqir, R. 2002. "Districting and government overspending,"  
, 110(6): 1318-1354.

Eric C.C. Chang and Miriam Golden. 2007. "Electoral Systems, District Magnitude and Corruption." *British Journal of Political Science*, 37(1): 115-137.

### **Weeks 4 (9/27): Legislative Procedures**

Huber, John D. 1992. "Restrictive Legislative Procedures in France and the United States." 86(3): 675-687.

Döring, Herbert. 2001. "Parliamentary Agenda Control and Legislative Outcomes in Western Europe." XXVI: 145-166.

Tsebelis and Money. 1997. Chapters  
1 and 2.

### **Weeks 5 (10/4): Veto players**

Tsebelis, George. 1995. "Decision Making In Political Systems: Veto Players In Presidentialism, Parliamentarism, Multicameralism and Multipartyism."

Notes to be distributed in class.

**Weeks 9 (11/8): Cabinet allocation**

Warwick PV, Druckman JN. 2006. "The portfolio allocation paradox: An investigation into the nature of a very strong but puzzling relationship," *EJPR*, 45(4): 635-65.

Martin, Lanny W. and Randolph T. Stevenson. 2001. "Government formation in parliamentary democracies." 45(1) January: 33-50.

Baek Hanna, Debus Marc, and Dumont Patrick. 2011. "Who gets what in coalition governments? Predictors of portfolio allocation in parliamentary democracies," , 50(4): 441-478.

**Weeks 10 (11/15): Government survival**

Warwick P. 1992. "Economic-Trends and Government Survival In West European Parliamentary Democracies," , 86(4): 875-887.

Smith A. 2003. "Election Timing In Majoritarian," , 33(3): 397-418

Diermeier D. and Stevenson R. 1999. "Cabinet Survival and Competing Risks," , 43(4): 1051-1068.

**Weeks 11 (11/22): Courts and Bureaucracy**

Huber JD, Shipan CR, Pfahler M. 2001. "Legislatures and statutory control of

Brancati, D. 2006. "Decentralization: Fueling the Fire or Dampening the Flames of Ethnic Conflict and Secessionism?" , 60(3): 651-685